

order to see how fast you are going, whether you are standing or going or whatever the position might be. Now, I think that this is wrong. I think the fact that the patrols are there, they ought to be marked. They ought to be out on the highways itself because the fact that they are there is the greatest deterrent to speed that we can put on the highway regulation and I think to allow these people to go out there and sandbag people, and I realize they are violating the law, but who doesn't, but I think the people ought to be given...that they are not being entrapped and that's all they are doing. You may not agree with my philosophy but I think the people...the patrolmen, we've got a lot of patrolmen now. I think they ought to be on the highway and that is where they are suppose to be and they ought to quit trying to entrap people in order to make some kind of a record in order to give some reason why they ought to be in existence. Now, this is exactly what this amendment does. It says, they stay on the highway and quit hiding behind a hill or a barn where nobody can see where they are or what they are doing. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, Mr. President, I think that we have highway patrolmen out there to enforce the law and I'm one of those individuals, I don't care how they enforce it. I think that we should stop this fast driving because it kills people and I, naturally, a fellow will slow down when he sees a highway patrol but I can take you between Omaha and Lincoln everyday and you won't see any highway patrol at all. Now, some of these maniacs that ride on our highways should be caught and the only way you can catch them is by hiding, as Senator Terry Carpenter says, and I am for hiding if you catch them. So, I couldn't go along with anything to weaken law enforcement just because a guy can get by with it, thinks he can get by with it, he does it. I think they should be caught.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Syas' words shocked me. He is known as the watchdog of the Constitution and the Constitution is designed to protect and defend the rights of citizens against improper government encroachment. Now, the purpose, as Senator Carpenter pointed out, of law enforcement officials is not primarily apprehension of criminals. It is prevention of crime. Now, when the State Patrol is there to insure traffic safety, prevention is better than cure. So the observation of the clearly marked vehicle is a good deterrent to speed. Senator Syas said, speed kills. It is not the speed, Senator Syas, but the sudden stop as you and I very well know. So, I believe with Senator Carpenter that law enforcement should not be a game of hide and seek. There was an incident where this individual was suppose to be unable to prevent himself from stealing, so when he was on the witness stand and his defense attorney had established that he had a compulsion and could not help but steal, the prosecutor said, have you ever felt this compulsion to steal when a police officer was beside you. Naturally, he didn't. So the presence of the officer clearly visible will accomplish the end of traffic control which is to regulate speed and this is done better by seeing the officer rather than being entrapped. I think the Highway Patrol has too high a reputation as of now to have it sullied by having them hide behind hills and barns and try to waylay and entrap people. They are not revenueurs. Their job is not to bring money into the state by having fines levied on people but to prevent accidents and control traffic, and I think that is better done with the amendment Senator Carpenter offered and I hope that it will be adopted.